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Dear Sir or Madam,

Enclosed is a copy of the charter that renews the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel, which is being filed with your office in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix).

Copies of this charter are also being filed with the Senate Committees on Armed Services, Appropriations; and the House Committees on Armed Services, and Appropriations.

Sincerely,

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James D. Freeman II
Deputy Committee Management Officer
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The Honorable David R. Obey
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Carl Levin
Chairman
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United States Senate
228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Ike Skelton
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
2120 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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CHARTER
OCEAN RESEARCH AND RESOURCES ADVISORY PANEL

- A. Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel (hereafter referred to as the Panel).
- B. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Panel, under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 7903 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), shall provide independent scientific advice and recommendations to the National Ocean Research Leadership Council.
- C. Panel Membership: The Panel, under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 7903, shall consist of no less than 10 and no more than 18 members, representing the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine, ocean industries, State Governments, academia and others including individuals who are eminent in the fields of marine science, marine policy or related fields including ocean resource management. Panel Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense or designated representative, who are not full-time federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109.

Panel Members, under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 7903, shall be appointed on an annual basis by the Secretary of Defense or designated representative, and shall serve no more than four years. The Panel Membership shall select the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Panel for renewable one-year terms. In addition, the Secretary of Defense or designated representative may invite other distinguished Government officers to serve as non-voting observers of the Panel, and appoint consultants, with special expertise, to assist the Panel on an ad hoc basis.

- D. Panel Meetings: The Panel shall meet at the call of the Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson, and the minimum number of Panel meetings is one per year.

The Designated Federal Officer shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures. In addition, the Designated Federal Officer shall attend all Panel and subcommittee meetings.

The Panel shall be authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission, and these subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended), and other appropriate Federal regulations.

Such subcommittees or workgroups shall not work independently of the chartered Panel, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Panel for full

deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Panel nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees who are not Panel Members

- E. Duration of the Panel: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, it is subject to renewal every two years.
- F. Agency Support: The Department of Defense, through the Secretary of the Navy and the Office of Naval Research, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Panel's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended.
- G. Termination Date: The Panel shall terminate upon recession 10 U.S.C. § 7903.
- H. Operating Costs: It is estimated that the operating costs, to include travel costs and contract support, for this Board is \$195,280.00. The estimated personnel cost to the Department of Defense is 0.6 full-time equivalents (FTEs).
- I. Recordkeeping: The records of the Panel and its subcommittees shall be handled according to section 2, General Records Schedule 26 and appropriate DoD policies and procedures. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended).
- J. Charter Filed: January 21, 2008